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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form**Application No.: 10/644,628First Named Applicant: Robert A. DunstanExaminer: Bryce P. BonzoArt Unit: 2113Status of Application: non-Final OA**Tentative Participants:**(1) Examiner Bryce P. Bonzo(2) Ayanendu Paul, Reg. No. L0383

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Proposed Date of Interview: 06/16/2009Proposed Time: 1:30 PM (EST) AM/PM**Type of Interview Requested:**(1) Telephonic(2) Personal(3) Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: YES NO

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Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
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 Continuation Sheet Attached**Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:**

Discuss proposed claim amendment, see attached

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1. (Currently Amended) In an apparatus, a method of operation comprising:
powering one or more operations of the apparatus, including generating a state signal,
using a standby power while the apparatus is in an AC failure state, wherein the state signal
indicates whether the apparatus is in the AC failure state or an AC present state;
supplying power to one or more elements of the apparatus, using the standby power,
while the apparatus is in the AC failure state;
receiving [[a]] the state signal signaling a state of the apparatus whether the apparatus is
in an AC failure state;
receiving a power button event signal signaling an event associated with a power button
of the apparatus; and
physically negating the power button event signal if the state signal signals that the
apparatus is in the AC failure state.

31. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said negating further comprises:
negating the power button event signal even if the standby power is present during the
AC failure state.

Brief Discussion

In the Cooper reference (Fig. 2, blocks 110, 112 and 114), the system does not powers on if the system power is off. Cooper, however, powers on the system in presence of other available power source. In contrast, the disclosure is directed towards ignoring or negating power button event signal during an AC failure state, even if a standby power is present. This is to prevent operating the apparatus with the standby power during AC failure state, as such operation may soon exhaust the standby power. Using the teachings of the disclosure, the standby power unit may be made much smaller.

Amendments to claim 1 and addition of new claim 31 are proposed, which better clarifies the scope of the invention. More specifically, claims 1 and 31 clarify that during the AC failure state, the standby power is used to power one or more operations (e.g., generating a state signal) and supply power to one or more elements (see spec., page 8, lines 5-11; page 11, lines 8-10 and 19-22; and page 13, lines 20-26). However, in spite of the presence of the standby power, the power button event signal is negated. In sharp contrast, Cooper teaches turning on the system

(blocks 112 and 114) in case any power source (other than the main system power) is available.